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PREPARATION OF TAXANES FROM  
10-DEACETYLBACCATIN III

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Box PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application prior to the examination thereof.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Marked up versions of all revised paragraphs showing insertions and deletions are included in Appendix A.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

A marked up versions of the abstract showing insertions and deletions are included in Appendix A.

Please add the following abstract:

---A process for the preparation of taxane derivatives by reacting 10-deacetylbaccatin III protected at the 7- and 10- positions with trichloroacetyl groups with a compound of formula